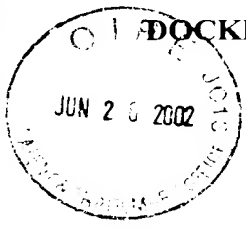


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In Re Application of: Wands et al.

Serial No.: 09/600,493

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Sir:

REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Responsive to the Office Action

Dated March 28, 2002.

- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- ☐ Other: _____.

☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.

☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:

- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization

- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.

- ☐ Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.

- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.

- ☐ _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.

- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.

- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

- ☐ Appended Material as follows: _____ .

- ☒ Other Material as follows: One Reference _____ .

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Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).




The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit

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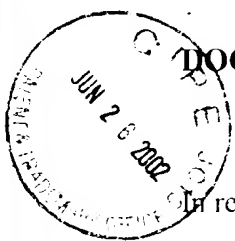
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 13, 32 and 45 to read as follows:

6. (Amended three times) A recombinant nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding hepatitis C virus NS4 or NS5 protein wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter, enhancer, polyadenylation sequence, and 5' UTR of hepatitis C virus.

13. (Amended three times) A pharmaceutical composition comprising: